Recent Changes that Limit Federal Pell Grant Eligibility

We want to alert you to a recent change in the law that affects Federal Pell Grant awards for the 2012-2013 school year and beyond. This change limits the total number of years a student may receive a Pell Grant to the equivalent of six years of full-time eligibility.

Many impacted students have already been emailed by the Department of Education explaining this new law. UMBC’s Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships staff will evaluate all potentially impacted students exceeding or approaching their limits.

For information on how to calculate the “equivalent of six years,” click on the following link: http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/pell-limit.